

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1518

Introduced by Assembly Member Bates

February 21, 2003

An act relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1518, as introduced, Bates. Pupil assessments: redundancy.

Existing law requires pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to take various academic assessments, including, among others, the achievement test administered pursuant to the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR), the standards based achievement test known as the California Standards Test, and the high school exit examination.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would reduce any redundancy in state-mandated testing in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, while preserving the high standards of accountability that standardized tests are designed to promote.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure
2 that pupils receive the maximum time possible for classroom
3 instruction.
4 (b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to enact
5 legislation that would reduce any redundancy in state-mandated

1 testing in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. In enacting
2 this legislation, the Legislature intends to preserve the high
3 standards of accountability that standardized tests are designed to
4 promote.

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